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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of:

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Examiner: Brenda A. Lamb

Serial No.: 09/757,310 ) Art Unit: 1734

Filed: January 9, 2001 )

Title: METHOD FOR COATING MEDICAL )  
IMPLANTS )

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed August 14, 2002 (paper no. 7). This is being filed within two months of the final office action. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request a notice of allowance or an advisory action. Kindly reconsider the above-referenced Application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

In the Claims:

26. (Twice Amended) A device for coating an implant comprising:

- (a) a reactor vessel;
- (b) a heating element operatively connected to the reactor vessel;